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1. AT CLOSE OF JULY 3 SESSION OF TRIAL OF LAWYER HAN, DEFENSE REQUESTED AND COURT AGREED TO ACCEPT ANALYTICAL STATEMENTS PREPARED BY THREE LITERARY EXPERTS ON MEANINGS CONTAINED IN HAN'S ESSAY "A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE." JULY 24 SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO READING THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BASED ON PRESS REPORT, TENOR OF STATEMENTS PREPARED BY EXPERTS, ONE LITERARY CRITIC AND TWO NOVELISTS, APPEAR TO BE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF HAN'S CONTENTION THAT HE WAS NOT CRITICIZING 1971 EXECUTION OF "ESPIONAGE AGENT" KIM KYU-NAM IN HIS ESSAY BUT WAS QUESTIONING USE OF "DEATH PANALTY" ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.
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